

6. (Original) The molding mold according to Claim 5, wherein said height in said circular area is substantially linearly reduced at a first gradient, and said height from said substantially intermediate portion to said circumferential end is substantially linearly reduced at a second gradient being more gentle than said first gradient.
7. (Original) The molding mold according to Claim 6, wherein a difference between height at said root end and height when extended to said base portion at said second gradient is within a range of 10 to 100 μm .
8. (Original) The molding mold according to Claim 6, wherein a difference between height at said root end and height when extended to said base portion at said second gradient is within a range of 30 to 60 μm .
9. (Currently amended) A molding method of molding a flange configuration using the molding mold according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1, 2 or 5~~.
10. (Currently amended) A tape cartridge, comprising:
a case;
a reel hub portion molded using the molding mold according to ~~any one of Claims 1, 2 or 5~~
Claim 1 and rotatably accommodated in said case; and
a tape-shaped recording medium wound around a hub of said reel hub portion;
wherein said reel hub portion has a pair of flanges and said hub, and has said insert portion at an opposite side of said hub.
11. (Original) The tape cartridge according to Claim 10, wherein a gradient of an inner surface of said flange molded in a molding surface of said flange forming portion is formed so as to be substantially linearly reduced from said root end of said hub to said circumferential end of said flange.

